# The Epistle



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# "I still have the shoes I wore to work that day. The soles are melted, and they're caked in ash. I keep them in a shoebox with the word 'deliverance'

written all around it. They're kind of

like my ark, a reminder of God's

presence and the life I owe to him."

~Stanley Praimnath, 9/11 survivor

# Sunday September 15th

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost (Rite I)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Carla Boyer
MC/2nd Chalice	Marlene Presley
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Allison McLean
Acolyte	
OT Lector	Joe Gayton
NT Lector	Bill Gunn
Intercessor	Patty Seekamp
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett Sue Scott Mark Strunsky

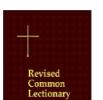
Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live.

Click Here

To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live.

Click Here

For the Sunday prayer bulletin. Click Here



### **Website for Lectionary Readings**

The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2024.html

# **Upcoming Events**

Sunday September 15th 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) A

link to the prayer bulletin can be found on the first page of

this newsletter.

176th Anniversary of the founding of Grace Church

11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting

Wednesday September 18th 10:00 AM Healing Mass

77th Birthday of the US Air Force

Sunday September 22nd 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)

Wednesday September 25th 10:00 AM Healing Mass

Sunday September 29th 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)

Wednesday October 2nd 10:00 AM Healing Mass

## **The Photography Corner**



This week's photograph is sent to us by Eileen Barrett and is of a double rainbow which put on a spectacular show along I-87 approaching the Harriman exit last Saturday. Thank you Eileen!

Thank you to everybody who has sent in photographs. I could always use a few more if you'd like to send some. ~Joe

### **The Mystic Poets Society**

Our poem today was submitted to us by Eileen Bloomer. Thank you Eileen!

If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow parishioners, please send it to either Margarita or Joe.

### Rainbow

breathing heavy stillness silently.

And I walk on.

"I do what I can," he said;

words offered across an unbusy street

on a morning before the rain.

I offer words and a smile

as I watch him pour brilliant white stones

into the square place he prepared,

numbered, and filled for all to see

on this humid morning

After the rain a fresh breath breathes light, a radiant rainbow- a double rainbow-

from horizon... to... horizon,

absolutely glowing moments

in the later light of this same day.

We open a door, we step outside to wonder,

and to do what we can.

~Eileen Bloomer



Middletown Repair Cafe
Saturday, September 21, 2024
10:00 AM 1:00 PM
Middletown Thrall Library
11-19 Depot Street
Middletown, NY, 10940

On Saturday, September 21, from 10 to 1, the Friends of the Middletown Thrall Library will hold their next Repair Cafe in the Library Community Room.

Repair Cafes are meeting places where neighbors, aka "Repair Coaches", help neighbors fix lamps and small appliances, mend clothing, sharpen knives and scissors, etc.

If you have any questions call Ed & Monica Irlbacher at 845.343.6839.



ShopRite Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale EVERY Sunday after each service. Grace Church receives 5% on the sale of the cards from ShopRite, while you purchase the cards at face value! ShopRite gift cards can make shopping for the family easy. Our ongoing fundraiser of ShopRite gift cards helps you prepare your holiday meals while helping Grace Church. Please keep us in mind when preparing your shopping lists!

We are happy and pleased to announce that we can accept credit card purchases for the ShopRite gift cards. So, if you use a rewards credit card you can now accumulate points while supporting Grace Church!



### **Vestry News**

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday September 15th starting at 11:15 AM.

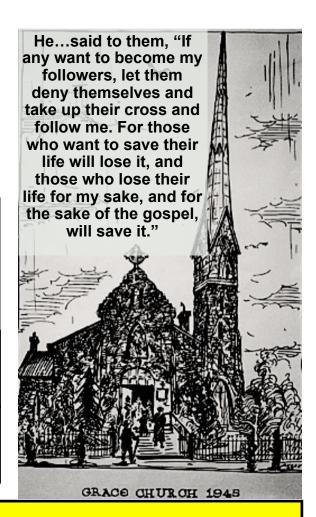
All are invited to attend!

Click here to read the minutes of the May 16, 2024

<u>Vestry meeting</u>

Click here to read the minutes of the June 20, 2024

Vestry meeting



# **Your Grace Church Vestry**

### Wardens:

John Cusack Claire Newquist

Clerk of the Vestry: Treasurer:

Allison McLean

Vestry:

Lorraine Witkowski

Barbara Chumard

William Gunn

Mark Strumeku

Mark Strunsky Eileen Bloomer
Torry Guardino